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SUBJECT: TERRORISM FINANCING COORDINATING OFFICER (TFCO)

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TFCO AND DEPUTY  
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TFCO COORDINATION  
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¶3. (U) Post would welcome regional TFCO meetings to improve  
coordination among TFCOs as suggested reftel. Such  
meetings could feature representation from TFCOs, Washington  
policy officials, and law-enforcement and banking officials,  
as appropriate.

¶4. (SBU) Post has enjoyed excellent State - Treasury/OFAC  
interaction. Treasury has recently relocated the OFAC  
Regional Attache position from Manama to Abu Dhabi. Post  
continues to coordinate with the OFAC regional officer on  
terror finance issues. An effort should be made to invite  
TFCO participation at OFAC, FinCen and other relevant USG  
conferences in the interest of enhanced networking and  
information exchange.

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PUBLIC DIPLOMACY  
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¶5. (SBU) While many of Post's local interlocutors are  
English-speaking, Department-provided Arabic translations of  
talking points and other materials have been useful as well.  
An International Information Program print publication on  
responsible charitable giving that conveys the individual  
donor's responsibility to "know your charity" might be an  
effective means of supporting local community awareness  
efforts, especially if available in Arabic as well as English.

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NEEDS OF POST

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16. (U) Post commends the EB/Terrorism Finance and Economic Sanctions intranet site for its broad inclusion of resources. Front-channel TFCO best practices guidance, perhaps drawing on worldwide feedback to reftel, would also be useful.

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Visit Embassy Manama's Classified Website:  
<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/nea/manama/>  
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